



# Bitterroot National Forest

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Bitterroot National Forest – August 15, 2008

Fire managers on the Bitterroot National Forest are currently managing 15 wildfires. These fires all started from lightning and range from 1/10 of an acre to the largest fire, Wood Hump at 3,091 acres. To date, the Bitterroot National Forest has burned 2, 945 acres in the 2008 fire season.

**Lomo Lake** – This fire was discovered on August 12<sup>th</sup> and is currently 3 acres burning in rough terrain. It is burning near Lake Lomo, west of Hamilton.

**Kidney Lake** – This fire is 1/10 of an acre and was discovered on August 9<sup>th</sup>. It is burning near Kidney Lake in the North Lost Horse area.

### **Selway Bitterroot Wilderness**

**Cooper Point** – This fire was discovered on August 14<sup>th</sup>, it is 1 acre in size and is located northwest of Cooper Point.

**Eagle Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 13<sup>th</sup>, it is 1/10 acre in size and is located at Eagle Creek, in the farthest west part of the forest.

**Wapati Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It is 1 acre in size and is located in the Wapiti Creek drainage.

**Big Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 9<sup>th</sup>. It is burning in one large snag in extremely steep terrain. It is burning on the north side of Big Creek drainage.

**South Fork Big Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 8<sup>th</sup>, it is 1/10 of an acre in size and is burning near the trail at Big Creek.

**Kootenai Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 7<sup>th</sup>, it is 1/10 of an acre in size.

**Schofield 2** – This fire was discovered on August 4<sup>th</sup> between Indian Creek and Schofield Creek, east of Selway River. It is 1 acre in size.

**Schofield** – This fire was discovered on August 4<sup>th</sup>, up Schofield Creek, east of Selway River. It is 1 acre in size.

**Indian Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, burning in the junction of Indian Creek and Schofield Creek, east of Selway River. This fire has been burning actively and is currently 30 acres.

**Arastra Creek** – This fire was discovered on August 1<sup>st</sup> and is currently ½ acre. It is burning between Grizzly Creek and Arastra Creek.

### **Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness**

**East Stripe** – This 1/10 of an acre fire was discovered on July 18<sup>th</sup>. It is 2 miles southeast of XIII Mountain.

**Wood Hump** – This fire is currently 3,091 acres and is the largest fire on the Bitterroot National Forest. It was discovered on July 18<sup>th</sup> and is one mile southwest of Woodhump Mountain.

**Hells Half Saddle** – This fire was discovered on June 30<sup>th</sup> and is 660 acres. It is located south of the Magruder Corridor.

The Bitterroot National Forest is in Very High fire danger. A reminder to the public: in these conditions, fires start easily and immediately after ignition. Flames spread rapidly and increase quickly in intensity. Please be careful even though there are no restrictions at this time.

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